GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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CONTRACT LABOURERS IN COAL MINES
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the management of Coal companies including North Eastern Coal Fields Ltd. are getting the production work in the mines under its control done on contract basis;

(b) if so, the number of people working under the contractors and the details of production in the mines during 2004-05;

(c) whether the Government is aware that some of the works done by the contractors fall under the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of action taken or likely to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO)

(a) In subsidiaries of Coal India Ltd. barring NCL, certain activities of coal production in some of the open cast mines i.e. mechanized extraction, loading and transportation of coal from face to surface and overburden removal are undertaken by hired equipments.

(b) Average number of persons employed by contractor for operation of hired equipments for the above works and details of production of coal (Provisional) by hiring of equipments during 2004-05 in subsidiary companies are as under:â€”

Company	No. of persons engaged	Production of coal (in Lakh Tonnes)
1	2	3
ECL	338	20.60
BCCL	337	52.23

1	2	3
CCL	172	125.22
WCL	1020	25.22
SECL	1138	591.68
MCL	3623	630.83
NEC	475	4.78
Total		1450.56

(c) and (d) Hiring of equipments/machineries where the contractor/firm has engaged its own employees for operation of equipments is not covered under the prohibited category as per provision of Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act, 1970.

(e) Does not arise in view of the answer given (c) and (d) above.